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IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE DECISION TO APPROVE A LARGE MINING AND RECLAMATION PLAN

NOTICE OF TENTATIVE

FOR RANCHO EQUIPMENT INC..

RED EMERALD MINE. BEAVER COUNTY, UTAH **DECISION TO APPROVE** 

NO. M0010058

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DATED THIS 16 day of 101., 2006

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#### STATE ACTIONS

#### Governor's Office of Planning and Budget Resource Development Coordinating Committee

P.O. Box 145610

1594 W. North Temple, Suite 3710 SLC, UT 84114-5610

538-5535

1. Administering State Agency Division of Oil, Gas and Mining	2. Approximate date project will start: Ongoing Project
3. Areawide clearinghouse(s) receiving state action: Five County Association of Governments	(to be sent out by agency in block 1)
Ken L. Sizemore, Executive Director	
1070 West 1600 South	
St. George, Utah 84771-1550 (435) 673-3548	
4. Type of action: //Lease /X/Permit //Lice//Land Sale //Land Exchange //Other  5. Title of proposed action: Red Emerald Mine, Rancho Equipment Inc. M0010058.	
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7. Land affected (site location map required) (indications of Section 19, 20, 29, 30 Township 29 South, Rauth-East 285604, UTM-North 4237652	ate county) ange 14 West, SLBM, Beaver County, Utah.
8. Jordan River Natural Areas Forum review - If th River Natural Areas Corridor. (to be sent out by agence	

- 9. Has the local government(s) been contacted? If yes, Yes
- a. How was contact made? By copy of this notice
- b. Who was contacted? Five County Association of Governments
- c. What was the response? None yet
- d. If no response, how is the local government(s) likely to be impacted? Continued operation of mine site. No significant impact to local government expected from this action.
- 10. Possible significant impacts likely to occur: None
- 11. Name and phone of district representative from your agency near project site, if applicable:  $N\!/\!A$
- 12. For further information, contact:

Tom Munson

Phone: (801) 538-5321

13. Signature and title of authorized officer

Date: Swanm. White 11/14/06

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

I. Whenever a State agency proposes or is administratively responsible for an action not exempted, it shall complete a State Action form and forward one copy to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and the effected areawide clearinghouse(s). All State Actions reviewed by the Resource Development Coordinating Committee (RDCC) within 30 days of receipt will forward all comments and recommendations within the 30-day review period to the initiating State agency. State Agencies may request an extension to the 30-day review period, if additional information is needed.

Questions encountered with the areawide clearinghouse review should be directed to the areawide clearinghouse. The Governor's Office of Planning and Budget will wait for the affected areawide clearinghouse(s) to complete their review before issuing a final clearance to the originator on this STATE ACTION.

II. If the proposed action affects lands within the Jordan River Natural Conservation Corridor (see Error! Not a valid link.), a copy of this completed form must also be submitted to:

Jordan River Natural Areas Forum C/O State and Local Planning Governor's Office of Planning and Budget 116 State Capitol Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Questions regarding JRNACC or JRNAF should be directed to 538-1027.

#### UTAH STATE AND AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSES

AREA	WIDE CLEARINGHOUSES	MONTHLY MEETINGS	COUNTIES
1	Bear River Association of Governments Roger Jones, Executive Director 170 North Main, Room 2 Logan, UT 84321 Phone (435) 752-7242	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1:00 p.m.	Box Elder Cache Rich
2	Five County Association of Governments John Williams, Executive Director Post Office Box 1550 906 North 1400 West St George, UT 84771-1550 Phone (435) 673-3548	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 1:30 p.m.	Beaver Garfield Iron Kane Washington
3	Mountainland Association of Governments Darrell Cook, Executive Director 586 East 800 North Orem, UT 84097-4146 Phone (801) 229-3800	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	Summit Utah Wasatch
4	Six County Association of Governments Russell Cowley, Director Post Office Box 820 250 North Main Richfield, UT 84701 Phone (435) 896-9222	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 1:00 p.m.	Juab Millard Piute Sanpete Sevier Wayne
7	Southeastern Utah Association of Governments Bill Howell, Executive Director 375 S. Carbon Avenue Post Office Box 1106 Price, UT 84501-0881 Phone (435) 637-5444	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1:00 p.m.	Carbon Emery Grand San Juan
5	Uintah Basin Association of Governments Curtis Dastrup, Executive Director 855 East 200 North (112-3) Roosevelt, UT 84066 Phone (435) 722-4518	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1:00 p.m.	Daggett Duchesne Uintah
6	Wasatch Front Regional Council Wilbur R. Jefferies, Exec. Dir 420 West 1500 South, Suite 200 Bountiful, UT 84010 Phone (801) 292-4469	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 3:00 p.m.	Davis Morgan Salt Lake Tooele Weber

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Date Summary Prepared: November 7, 2006

Mine Name: Red Emerald Mine	I.D. Number: M/001/058
Operator: Rancho Equipment Inc.	Date Original Notice Received: July 26, 2004
Address: Dick Turner	County: Beaver
C/O Rancho Equipment	
1557 W. Ashby Road	New/Existing: Status changing from SMO to LMO
Delta, Utah 84624-7327	Mineral Ownership: BLM
<b>Telephone:</b> 435-864-3971	Surface Ownership: BLM
Contact Person: Dick Turner	Lease No.(s):
<b>Telephone:</b> 435-864-3971	Permit Term: Life of Mine

Life of Mine: 5 years depending on the amount of mining

Legal Description: Portions of Sections 19, 20, 29, 30 T29S, R14W

Mineral(s) to be Mined: Red Beryl

Acres to be Disturbed: 6.07 acres

Present Land Use: wildlife

Postmining Land Use: wildlife

Variances from Reclamation Standards (Rule R647) Granted: R 647-4-111. Reclamation Practices. 7. Highwalls. The highwalls remain stable at 51 degrees and a variance for a single highwall was granted for this slope angle. Under BLM's EA #UT-44-99-14 the highwalls could be completed at a 51 degree overall angle with a maximum height of 40 feet. This variance was granted to GMI, Red Emerald's predecessor. A demonstration was made by GMI that the material that formed the highwall on the east and south faces in the pit, would be stable at an angle higher than 45 degrees. This demonstration is consistent with Rule R647-4-111.7.

#### Soils and Geology

**Soil Description**: The soils tested as a Sandy loam 1-12 inches thick

**pH**: 7.8-8.2

Geology Description: Geologically, the mine site is located on rhyolite and other light-colored rocks and in some locations a layer of dark basalt caps these rocks.

**Special Handling Problems**: Where possible the topsoil will be placed over all the disturbed area at a rate of 500 yards per acre. This amounts to 3-6 inches of growth media over all areas of their light colored volcanic rocks and in some locations these rocks are capped by a layer of dark basalt.

#### **Hydrology**

Ground Water Description: Ground water is not found near the site. One drill hole was completed 850 feet below the site and no ground water was encountered.

Surface Water Description: Runoff only occurs in response to major rainfall events. The mine is located near the top of a drainage divide, not allowing much drainage to accumulate.

Water Monitoring Plan: None

#### **Ecology**

Vegetation Type(s); Dominant Species: Utah Juniper, Black Sage Brush, Antelope Brush, Indian ricegrass,

Pinion-Singleleaf, Nevada Mormon Tea, Broom Snakeweed, and Bluebunch wheatgrass

Percent Surrounding Vegetative Cover: 30 percent

Wildlife Concerns: none

#### Mining and Reclamation Plan Summary:

**During Operations**: Temporary office building/living quarters, fuel storage, and explosive magazine are the only structures found on site. This an open pit mine creating a small pit area with benches 10 feet in height. A waste rock facility containing barren material will be created on the east side of the pit. The first year production will be 25,000 tons, and ore production will be evaluated annually thereafter. No crushers will be located on site eliminating the need for an air quality permit. Storm water handling is addressed in the plan. An excavator will rake the benches were the ore will be hand sorted and any visible red beryl will be removed. Ore will be stockpiled onsite and the waste will be placed on the waste rock pile.

After Operations: After operations the waste rock and benches will be regraded to an overall slope angle not to exceed 21 degrees to mitigate erosion and enhance revegetation. A variance to highwall reclamation was granted to allow a single highwall to be left that will be approximately 240' long and a maximum of 40' high. All benches will be topsoiled and seeded. Any fuel tanks or other portable equipment or structures will be taken off site following mining and reclamation. Disturbed areas will be revegetated to achieve 70 percent of the estimated 30% vegetative cover.

#### Surety

**Amount:** \$55,200

Form: Certificate of Deposit #1 16513226058 and #2 7400898370 held at Wells Fargo Bank

Renewable Term: 12 months

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